

A Merry Christmas to All Is Our Earnest Wish

We also desire to extend sincere thanks to all for the liberal patronage we have enjoyed during the past year.

If you have overlooked anyone on whom you desire to bestow a Christmas or New Year's gift, we still have a splendid assortment of things that would make an appreciated present.

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COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

The State Superintendent has just sent out a circular letter addressed to teachers, school officers and others interested in education. Because of its length the entire letter cannot be published at one time, but will be published in sections. The County Superintendent hopes that the people generally will use this opportunity to read and study the letter carefully. The first section is as follows:

"The material for the annual report is in the hands of the printer, and should be ready for distribution about the first of the year. I am taking this opportunity to advise all who are interested in educational matters of the State as to a part of the contents of this annual report. The recommendations, of course, are not all that should be made, and by the time the next General Assembly meets, the State Department of Education in conjunction with the Legislative Committee of the State Teachers' Association will have a complete program worked out to present to the General Assembly for its consideration.

"Among the most important measures to be presented will be that of larger school units. The County Unit Bill proposed at the last session of the General Assembly created a great deal of interest throughout the State. It was endorsed by the Educational Committees of both Houses and for a time seemed sure of passage. However it was a rather radical departure from the old order of things, and perhaps had some features that might as well have been left out. However there was one feature of the bill that received favorable comment in all sections of the State, and the State Superintendent sincerely trusts that the next General Assembly will give the schools of the State the relief called for in this feature of the bill, namely, larger school units.

"We are all agreed that the rural schools of the State must be brought to the point where they will give a square deal to the country boy and girl. This can be done by enlarging many of the districts of the State; that is, the General Assembly can authorize the redistricting of every county so that no district would have less than 150 children of school age. The district could have as many buildings as would be absolutely necessary or have only one central building for all the children of the district. I realize the opposition that might develop to this plan. It would mean closing up some of the small schools of the State, and there is a great deal of sentiment attached to the 'little red schoolhouse' where father and mother, and in some instances, grandfather and grandmother attended school, but when sentiment and common sense conflict, sentiment must give way.

"The last annual report issued by

this office shows that there were 843 districts in the State that had an average attendance of less than 10 children, and 1,790 districts with an average attendance of from 10 to 15; 3,713 with an average attendance of from 15 to 25; 1,829 with an average attendance of from 25 to 40, and 1,441 with an average attendance of more than 40.

"The present report will show that last year there were 1,012 districts with an average attendance of less than 10; 1,335 with an average attendance of from 10 to 15; 3,658 with an average attendance of from 15 to 25; 1,730 with an average attendance of from 25 to 40; and 1,246 with an average attendance of more than 40.

"I have quoted here the figures of the 1917-1918 school year, and perhaps they are a better basis for our contention than those of the 1918-1919 school year, as during the school year of 1918-1919, for three months of the best part of the year, the epidemic of influenza kept a great many people from school, so that the average attendance all over the State is much less than of previous years.

"My plan would be to establish these larger units and this would, first, decrease the number of teachers thereby enabling the districts to pay better salaries to the teachers employed; second, more nearly equalize the opportunities of the children; third, adjust the burden of taxation; fourth, make closer supervision possible; fifth, strengthen the community spirit; sixth, make it possible for every district to have at least a two-year high school."

J. CLYDE AKERS,
Co. Supt. of Schools.

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A CHRISTMAS RESOLUTION

He hadn't been out of his uniform long enough to get used to the way his legs felt without the old "puttees" on them. But he had seen enough and been home and looked around long enough to have thought out some things for himself. Then, too, Christmas had come and gone, and he had found that what was left over from his army pay hadn't stretched far enough to buy a good many things he had wanted to buy when he saw the holly, the mistletoe and the green and red paper wreaths in the windows of the old town.

John Holloway was in a mood to make resolves and give the reasons for said resolves that afternoon. He and some of the "old gang" had been lounging in the warm and brightly lighted drug store for an hour when he said:

"You know over in France I found out that nearly every little old gardener and farmer and every shoe cobbler and carpenter had a lot of his 'jack' soaked away in Government bonds? It is a fact. I was never more surprised in my life than when I found out that the old women in the house where I was billeted had been saving money all those years and sticking it away, a handful of francs at a time, in honest to gosh Government bonds.

"Why, you know that before we got into the war, if anybody had told me about a Government bond I would have thought they were talking about the bond that the judge says must be signed if you don't want to get yourself slung into jail.

Of course we heard a lot about bonds when the 'Libertys' come along, but even then I had it figured that the man who had the big money was the one they were for.

"You see I went across before the bond drives got to scraping down and getting the high and the middle and the low.

"But that was one swell idea the Frenchies had and they had it first by a big majority. It works out mighty well and I feel pretty sure that the 'Froggies' didn't fight any poorer because they knew that they and their families had an absolute financial state in that 'la belle France' they were always talking about."

"What's the idea anyway?" asked one of the half interested group. "Do you intend to go back over there and work for francs instead of dollars and stick francs into French bonds?"

"For why should I do that?" argued ex-Corporal Holloway. "Haven't we finally got the same advantage over here and in a darn sight better country than France ever was or ever will be? I'll say we have. Any boy, with a little old job and a little old luck I will be ridin' on the world come next Christmas. I'm going to save me some money and to keep it from slipping through these fingers of mine. I'm certainly going to take a leaf out of the Frenchman's book."

"Oh, all right, but what is the plan?" asked another idler, who was willing to go most anywhere but home.

"Why, I gets me a few dollars and buy me a 'beanup' War Savings Stamp," said Corporal Holloway. "I stacks away said W. S. S. for which I pay four bucks and some odd cents, and I keep stacking them away out of the old pay envelope and come five years from now I have me a roll, interest having piled up on each and every buck that I put in there."

"It would beat the savings bank interest, at that," agreed one of the listeners.

"Forty said ways from the jack," went on Holloway. "Why, it's just like shooting fish. Now I don't know anything about oil stocks or rubber plantations, or a patent device to extract butterfat from a Burbank squash, or any of the rest of these now."

But I do know that the old Government of the U. S. A. has been paying off regularly since away back yonder. Wherefore and therefore it is a safe bet that it is going right along on the old 100 cents on the dollar basis.

"The Frenchies put the idea in my head, I guess, but our own little old W. S. S. game back here beats it. It don't take much to get into it either. You can buy a stack of chips with four iron men and a few odd cents. Then you are in and you are not going to run up against any ace fulls with it either. It may not be as fast as a trench paper, either way or as rapid as that 'nigger golf' we used to play under the mired down truck at the side of the road. But it is not 'forbid by regulations' and you surely will get somewhere with it.

"I've got my mind all made up to enlist in one of these War Savings Societies," he went on, "and I here and now make my biggest New Year resolve. You hear me."

And he got up, gave a hitch at where the old O. D. belt used to be and rambled out to get a pocket full of W. S. S. circulars and hunt up a place to "enlist."

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NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

All parents, guardians and other persons who have charge, custody or control of children between the ages of 7 and 16 years, desiring to have their children excused from attending school regularly during the entire term, may appear before the County School Attendance Officer at the court house in the City of Farmington, on Saturday of each week, and then and there present their claims.

J. CLYDE AKERS,
Co. Supt. of Schools

Notice of Special Election

County Court Record, St. Francois County, Missouri, Monday, November 3rd. First Day of November Term.

In the Matter of the Petition of J. H. Tetley and other Freeholders to the Number of over Four Hundred.

Whereas, on the 8th day of October, 1919, a petition signed by J. H. Tetley and other freeholders of St. Francois County, Missouri, to the number of over four hundred, was presented to the Court praying that the Court call a special election in St. Francois County, and at said special election to submit to the qualified voters of said county the question whether there shall be levied upon the assessed valuation of the property of said County a tax for a period of time not exceeding twenty years, and to be for the issue of County Bonds to provide funds for the purchase of a site, and the erection thereon of a public hospital and hospital buildings, and for the support of the same, or to purchase suitable property with buildings already erected thereon. Said hospital to be located in the City of Farmington, Missouri, and the maximum amount of money to be expended in purchasing or building said hospital shall not exceed \$25,000.00. The consideration of said petition was continued until Monday, November 3rd, 1919.

Now, on this 3rd day of November, 1919, the above matter again coming on to be heard, the Court examines said petition and finds that the same is signed by more than one hundred resident freeholders of said St. Francois County, Missouri, and that more than fifty of the signers thereto being resident freeholders not residents of the City of Farmington, the City in said County where it is proposed to locate said hospital.

It is therefore considered, ordered and adjudged by the County Court of St. Francois County, Missouri, that a special election be held, and the same is hereby called, at all of the usual voting precincts within St. Francois County, Missouri, on the Twenty-First Day of February, 1920, for the purpose of voting upon the question whether there shall be levied upon the assessed property of St. Francois County a tax of ONE MILL ON THE DOLLAR for the purchase of a site for hospital purposes and the erection thereon of a public hospital and hospital buildings, and for the support of said public hospital, or for the purchase of a suitable property for said hospital with buildings already erected and for the support of said hospital, and for the payment of bonds issued for said purposes.

It is further ordered that the notice of said election shall be published for ninety days prior to the same in the Farmington Times, a newspaper published in Farmington, St. Francois County, Missouri, and Lead Belt News, a newspaper published in Flat River, St. Francois County, Missouri.

It is further ordered by the Court that the ballots to be used at said election at which the said hospital question is submitted shall be printed with the following statement thereon:

For a One Mill Tax for a Bond Issue for a Public Hospital and for Maintenance of the same.

☐ YES.

☐ NO.

Mark the one you want thus: X in the little square.

It is further ordered that the said election shall be conducted and canvassed in the same manner as the vote for county officers.

State of Missouri, County of St. Francois, ss.

I, Marvin W. Crowder, Clerk of the County Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy from the record of said court relating to the matter of calling a special election for the purpose of levying a one mill tax on the assessed property of St. Francois County for the purposes therein named.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Farmington, Mo., this 10th day (SEAL) day of November, 1919.

MARVIN W. CROWDER,
Clerk of the County Court.

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